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SUBJECT: PRESS ON SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ME AND PREPARATORY
EGYPTIAN/SYRIAN CONSULTATIONS

1. DECEMBER 4 AHAM REPORTS THAT SECRETARY WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO DECEMBER 13 AT BEGINNING OF TOUR WHICH WILL INCLUDE JIDDA, DAMASCUS, AMMAN, BEIRUT, AND TEL AVIV. AHAM STATES THAT ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON SOURCES, SECRETARY'S VISIT COMES AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND WILL BEGIN IN CAIRO IN "ATTEMPT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT CRISIS WHICH THREATENS THE PEACE CONFERENCE AND WHICH IS REFLECTED IN THE CONTINUOUS ESCALATION OF TENSION THREATENING THE CEASEFIRE ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT." AHAM CONTINES THAT ON DECEMBER 3 SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAN AND EGYPTIAN FONMIN WERE IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT AND THAT IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT HIGH-LEVEL SYRIAN DELTATION WILL FLY TO CAIRO FOR CONSULTATION BEFORE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

2. THE ONLY EDITORIAL ON THE SUBJECT: AINDEED THE FIRST-- APPEARS IN LIMITED--CIRCULATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE EGYPTIAN
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GAZETTE. IT IS PRESENTED, HOWEVER IN UNUSALLY LARGE SPACES

AND IN BOLD TYPE: BECAUSE OF THIS AND ITS SUBJECT, WE BELIEVE IT IS OF IMPORTANCE. EDITORIAL IS ENTITLED "WHAT DOES KISSINGER WANT?" IT STATES THAT HE HAS ALREADY VISITED COUNTRIES OF ME: THAT HE HAS ALREADY HAD TALKS IN WASHINGTON WITH EBAN: AND THAT UNDERSECRETARY RUSH IS NOW IN ISRAEL: AND THAT DAYAN COMING TO US. WHAT MORE, THEN, CAN THE SECRETARY LEARN? EDITORIAL CONTINUES THAT THE SOLUTION LIES WITH THE US AND ISRAEL, AND THAT THE US CAN "GIVE THE WORD" TO ISRAEL WITHOUT SECRETARY HAVING TO COME TO ME AGAIN. BUT, SINCE THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE, THEN WHAT IS SECRETARY'S PURPOSE? IS IT TO SUPPORT ISRAELI PROCRASTINATION OR CONVEY A FEW VEILED THREATS TO THE ARABS? EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS A TOTAL CHANGE WHEREBY WASHINGTON SHOWS THAT IT IS PREPARED TO TRANSLATE WORDS INTO DEEDS.

3. THE ABOVE ARTICLES ARE SET AGAINST HIGHLY VISIBLE REPORTS IN EGYPTIAN PRESS ABOUT UNDERSECRETARY RUSH'S ATTENDANCE AT BEN GURION'S FUNERAL AND ASSURANCES TO MRS MEIR OF ONEHUNDRED PERCENT US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY.
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